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Introduced by Sens. MAY, SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to enacting the "renewable energy bill of rights"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "renewable
2 energy bill of rights".

3 § 2. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 66-u to
4 read as follows:

5 § 66-u. Right to renewable energy. 1. The legislature declares that
6 each natural person who is a resident of this state has the right to:

7 (a) generate, consume and export renewable energy and reduce his or
8 her use of electricity that is obtained from the grid;

9 (b) use technology to store energy at his or her residence;

10 (c) if the person generates renewable energy pursuant to paragraph (a)
11 of this subdivision, or stores energy pursuant to paragraph (b) of this
12 subdivision, or any combination thereof, connect his or her system that
13 generates renewable energy or stores energy, or any combination thereof,
14 with the electricity meter on the customer's side that is provided by an
15 electric corporation;

16 (i) in a timely manner;

17 (ii) in accordance with requirements established by the electric
18 corporation to ensure the safety of electric corporation workers; and

19 (iii) after providing written notice to the electric corporation
20 providing service in the service territory and installing a nomenclature
21 plate on the electricity meter panel indicating that a system that
22 generates renewable energy or stores energy, or any combination thereof,
23 is present, if the system meets all applicable state and local safety
24 and electrical code requirements;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (d) receive fair credit for any renewable energy or stored energy
2 exported to the grid pursuant to section sixty-six-j or sixty-six-l of
3 this article or both;

4 (e) consumer protections in contracts for renewable energy;

5 (f) have his or her generation of renewable energy given priority in
6 planning and acquisition of energy resources by an electric utility; and

7 (g) remain within the existing rate class to which the resident would
8 belong in the absence of a net metering system or a system that gener-
9 ates renewable energy or stores energy, or any combination thereof,
10 without any fees or charges that are different than the fees and charges
11 assessed to customers of the same rate class, regardless of the technol-
12 ogies on the customer's side of the electricity meter, including, with-
13 out limitation, energy production, energy savings, energy consumption,
14 energy storage or energy shifting technologies, provided that such tech-
15 nologies do not compromise the safety and reliability of the utility
16 grid.

17 2. For purposes of this section, the term "renewable energy" shall
18 mean energy generated from any non-combustible renewable energy source
19 set forth in section sixty-six-j or sixty-six-l of this article.

20 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.